

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

FISCHER et al.

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For: **2-Ethyl-4,6-dimethyl-phenyl-
substituted Spirocyclic Tetramic
Acid Derivatives**

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Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated September 30, 2008, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks and Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

It is hereby requested that the period for replying to the outstanding Office Action be extended three months from December 30, 2008, to March 30, 2009, by the filing of the fee payment which is provided through online credit card payment. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency (including fees for net addition of claims) or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. In the event that further extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.